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WHAT WILL HE DO ABOUT IT?

There will be some important changes in the House rules is a foregone conclusion, and that as an accompaniment of these changes the Appropriations Committee will be curtailed or of much of the power which it has heretofore exercised, is equally apparent. Nor is the reconstruction of the committees to be regarded in the light of an "attack" on Representative Randall. It is simply the sentiment of a majority that by dividing up the heavy work which has rested upon the shoulders of the Appropriations Committee, business will be facilitated and a more comprehensive, if not more intelligent consideration be given to the mass of legislation that has heretofore been digested by that committee.

In connection with this matter there has been raised the question: "What is Mr. Randall going to do about it?" It is stated by some that he will not have anything to do with the "dismembered" Appropriations Committee, and this statement, it is to be noticed, comes from those who before the revision of the rules was practically assured of Mr. Randall's support. To his friends, however, it is evident that he will make every effort to assist him in his work. Of course Mr. Randall will make a more comprehensive, if not more intelligent consideration be given to the mass of legislation that has heretofore been digested by that committee.

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NOTES AND Gossip.

Mr. PARNELL'S POINTS.

Mr. Parnell has played his cards well and has been as fortunate in the abuse of which he was the recipient a short time ago as in his methods and tenents. He has eighty-six members of the House of Commons who are pledged to do his bidding and can, by a coalition with either the Conservatives or Liberals, practically decide all questions which may arise in that body. It is probably true, as Mr. Gladstone says, that Parnell will be the great prima donna, and Miss Nitton has offered to become his gold-mother.

GROUNDS GOULD, the son and heir of the mouse-trap millionaire, is to enter Wall street on January 1, as a general partner in the firm of S. V. White & Co.

Mrs. LEILAND STANFORD's collection of works of art will be presented to the city of San Francisco and placed in a suitable building in Golden Gate Park.

WHILE New Brunswick editor was out of town recently he was hung in effigy. This was much better than being hung in New Brunswick.—[Philadelphia News.]

SENATORS CONQUET OF Georgia, New Hampshire, and Frye of Maine are testators. There are only three men in the Senate at present who are accused of even occasional overindulgence.

MOL DOMAN B. EATON is to be buried in Boston this evening. Invitations have been accepted by James Russell Lowell, Collector Saltonstall, General F. A. Walker, Carl Schurz, President Eliot of Harvard College and others.

SENATOR SAWYER and Congressman Stephenson are the leading candidates for the United States Senatorship in Wisconsin. Both are millionaires from the pine woods, and are expected to make things financially while newsmen are still talking about the results of the final days of the recent election were announced, the Conservatives—with whom it was generally reported that Mr. Parnell had made a treaty, offensive and defensive—prematurely exultant, and thinking that they would have a clear majority over all, announced that there was nothing in common between them and Mr. Parnell; that no agreement, nor even verbal promises, had passed between them.

In view of what really happened this was unfortunate for the Conservatives, but good for Mr. Parnell. That Conservative disclaimer leaves Mr. Parnell free to form a coalition with the Liberals on a basis of home rule for Ireland without subjecting himself to captions critical. Such an agreement is being discussed very generally in England and very favorably, too. It is certain that Mr. Parnell cannot gain what he wants, he can so handle his forces as to make an early dissolution of Parliament and new elections necessary. He has been a very competent and very fortunate leader.

THE REPUBLICAN Senators have met in caucus and considered their policy in regard to the President's nominations, and have probably come to the conclusion that, owing to the many different elements involved, to make a fixed course in dealing with them is an impossibility. But they have outlined what seems to be a very sensible programme. They will confirm nominations where they think changes were desirable and worked no wrong; at the same time giving weight to the fact that the President desires men of his own party in important positions. This is about the same manner in which a Republican Senate has been in the habit of dealing with a Republican President's nominations. It is highly commendable conclusion on the part of the Republican Senators, if such it be. Now let there be no fictitious collision between the House and Senate. Thus will the Congressional winter be made a glorious national summer and some good be accomplished.

THE BOSTON Civil Service Reform Association held a meeting in that city the other night, at which were present a number of well-known New England men who have been connected with the cause of civil service reform and the Hon. Carl Schurz. The latter in a speech was sanguine as to the future of the movement. He of course, as do all well-regulated civil service reformers in their speeches, dwelt at length upon "official patronage as one of the principal props of the spoils system." Mr.

Schurz also said that more towards destroying the evils of that system had been accomplished in the last three years than the most sanguine person could have anticipated. As this result was accomplished principally by the Democratic party, we hope that the members of that organization will take to themselves the credit thus laid at their door. Mr. Schurz is determined to encourage the Democrats in their work, for he said that with patience and perseverance still better results can be attained. This is probably true, but we must say that in the sturdy rank and file of the party there are no immovable signs of such patience and perseverance.

THEIR has been a good deal of long talk since the expiration of the law Congress about repealing the civil service law. It took start about the time the result of the Presidential election became known, was first heard of in Congress in the shape of a bill introduced by Mr. Clay of Kentucky, which in brief terms declared that the civil service "be and is hereby repealed." Nothing was done with this bill. Since the 4th of March there have been many sporadic cases all through the country of members-elect crying out for the repeal of the law, but when they began to assemble here they did not say so much about it. It was in the atmosphere that the President's message was going to take a very strong ground in favor of the law; and it certainly did. But there is one member—a member from Ohio, by the way—who is fond of favoring as he talked, and he is no doubt honest in his views. He has prepared a bill in brief as that of Mr. Clay's wiping the civil service law from the statute books. As there is a very great similarity in the wording of the Seney and Clay bills, so there is likely to be a marked similarity in their fate.

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GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

The Elegant and Valuable Assortment in Books at Mr. Eliot's Book Store.

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